

Working Group Meeting

May 16, 2006

Working Group Process

Several stakeholders within the Working Group expressed their concerns that the group process has moved away, in recent meetings, from its original intent as defined in the Purpose Statement. A handout outlining key concerns was distributed to all participants to review and discuss. The following were the key issues discussed:

- Specific issues need further discussion and consideration of how they will fit into the Summary Report.
 - Reimbursability mechanisms, Role of the Restoration Fund, Barriers to Implementation and Long term funding for CVPIA programs, for example.
- Several issues have been discussed that are beyond the scope of the Working Group
 - Issues beyond the scope of the purpose of the Working Group are discussed and do not appear to be directed for discussion to a more appropriate venue.
- Time constraints
 - Sufficient time to hear all voices and work collaboratively through all key issues and conflicts to either a resolution or clear understanding.
 - Given the timeframe, the Working Group raised the issue of what is realistic for them to accomplish and open for discussion to stay on target to meet the deadline.
- Agency responses and stakeholder reviews
 - There should be additional opportunities to review working drafts and presentation of the program summary sheets included in the Report.
 - Some stakeholders were concerned that they hadn't seen responses or revised materials that address previous comments and concerns.
 - There should be quicker response from the agencies on what feedback is being integrated into the summary sheets.
 - The Performance Report is the opportunity to establish an objective basis for dialog and common ground.
 - Some stakeholders were concerned that the relationship between past accomplishments as stated in the report and the connection to future program activities, long term planning and funding is not clear.

Question: What is the expectation of the Report? Does it initiate a next step or is the end result? Does it articulate how close we are to accomplishing goals of CVPIA?

Allan Oto of Reclamation responded that Reclamation's goal is to reach resolution on some issues. In the future, the Summary Report will help manage the programs and help prioritize the dollars. It will also continue to inform CVPIA Program management in the future.

Discussion:

- Discuss performance criteria more explicitly and focus on outcomes

CVPIA Program Activity Review

- Stakeholders believe it is their role to help inform the report by refining and assessing the performance goals.
- They requested a clear disclosure of the criteria for developing performance goals and participation in the refinement of performance goals before they move forward into assessment.
- More focused discussion on outcomes as defined in the Purpose Statement.
- The Working Group agreed that a long term goal is important to establishing a basis for future action.
- A discussion of performance goals also needs to include timeframe and linkages to other programs.
- Section 3407
 - Stakeholders identified reimbursability and future funding as other areas for discussion
 - The primary focus of the Working Group should be on program accomplishments and performance.
 - The Working Group agreed to scope out a parallel discussion on 3407 issues and determine which issues to address in the Report and which to carry forward after the Report
- Unclear how to bring issues to the Group for discussion
 - One stakeholder expressed that he is unclear about the most effective way for bringing issues to the table and remaining within the stated ground rules.

Status Reports

Complete and Active Programs

No changes to list of completed programs

Question: How do we consider the factors that indicate that these programs are complete to inform completion criteria? The factors that indicate completion are highlighted on the slide: sunseting, completion of construction, or submittal or reports.

Updated Matrix

- Goal is to complete updates on the Matrix by Thursday's Restoration Fund Roundtable meeting.

Section 3407 Preliminary Concept

The Working Group reviewed the Section 3407 conceptual approach presented at the last meeting.

- Programs designated as Long-term/Time Certain would be moved to either Annual/Ongoing or Complete /O&M.
- The concept is that when the list of Long-term/Time Certain is moved to the other two categories, 3407 would be triggered.
- Progress Goals and Performance goals are still needed for the Annual/Ongoing program column.
- Annual Program Activities – Many stakeholders disagree that the information below qualifies as completion criteria

CVPIA Program Activity Review

- “Develop long-term plan to meet purposes of the Act” and
- “Annual program budgets”

Questions:

- How do we deal with programs that are challenging, such as AFRP, screens or construction that appears to be an indefinite program?
- Why is b(14) an annual program? Action is basically operational, although it focuses on striped bass. Continues to be open for discussion.
- Several stakeholders expressed concern about timeframe for report deadline, that the evaluation may not be final.
- Reclamation (Susan Ramos) stated that July is the date the Agency committed to for report completion to Washington, DC.

Discussion:

- Clarify O & M eligibility for Restoration Fund.
- Clarify that the intent is not to assign reimbursability
- Need to consider reasonable effort for b(1) and b(1) other
- Need some measure of sufficiency of program to meet Act purposes

Action: A subcommittee including Ara, Bernice, Gary and Paul Olmsted will scope out the steps and topics for Working Group discussion of 3407, reimbursability, and future funding, including which issues are for consideration in the Report and which would be discussed after the Report. Susan Ramos and Allan Oto will represent Reclamation staff

Performance Goal Refinement Update

- Stakeholders requested to review the summary sheets describing issues that need to be addressed and how they are presented.
- Keep it substantive, when stakeholders disagree, they are invited to submit comments and will be included in Perspectives section of Summary Report.
- Summary Sheets need to begin with expected or planned outcomes.
 - Approach to achieve outcomes
 - Performance Goals/ Progress Goals
 - Description of activities implemented

Priority Provisions for Summary Sheet Discussion

Next meeting:

- (b) (4) Tracy – Issue: Performance Goal
- (b) (5) CCWD – Issue: Performance Goal
- (b) (15) Old River – Issue: Performance Goal
- (b) (23) Trinity – not ready for discussion yet
- (b) (10) Red Bluff
- (b) (1) AFRP
- (b) (1) other
- (b) (21) AFSP

Restoration Fund Roundtable Meeting Activity

- Update on status of Program Activity Review
- Status of creating the Summary Report

May 23 Meeting Information

- Present draft of chapter one
- Present at least one complete Program Summary sheet
- Working Group subcommittee will present ideas on how to discuss 3407 in the report to full Working Group

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